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SUBJECT: SOVIET PROTEST OVER PRESS COVERAGE OF BURGLARY
OF SOVIET EMBASSY EMPLOYEE'S APARTMENT

REF: A/ STATE 211361, B. STATE 211354, C. STATE 211360

1. ON AUGUST 21 SOVIET EMBASSY DELIVERED A NOTE PROTESTING
THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE'S ROLE IN LOCAL PRESS PLAY OF
AUGUST 8 BURGLARY OF APARTMENT OF SOVIET EMBASSY ATTACHE
VIKTOR M. KUZNETSOV. TEXT OF SOVIET NOTE FOLLOWS:

2. "NO. 59

3. "THE EMBASSY OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS
CONSIDERS IT NECESSARY TO CALL THE ATTENTION OF THE DEPART-
MENT OF STATE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE
ARTICLE BY A CERTAIN TONI HOUSE, WHICH WAS PUBLISHED IN THE
'WASHINGTON STAR' OF AUGUST 17, 1978.

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4. "THIS ARTICLE, REFERRING TO INFORMATION RECEIVED IN
THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, CLAIMS THAT THE EMBASSY ALLEGEDLY
HAS NOT INFORMED THE WASHINGTON POLICE OF CASES OF THEFT
AND OTHER CRIMES COMMITTED AGAINST ITS EMPLOYEES. AT THE
SAME TIME, THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE IS AWARE THAT THERE HAVE
BEEN NO INSTANCES WHEN THE EMBASSY DID NOT INFORM THE

POLICE OF SUCH OCCURRENCES.

5. "AS FOR THE INCIDENT WHICH OCCURRED ON AUGUST 8, 1978, WHEN A BURGLAR BROKE INTO THE APARTMENT OF EMBASSY ATTACHE V. A. KUZNETSOV, HE AND HIS WIFE INFORMED THE POLICE OF EVERYTHING THEY KNEW IN THIS CONNECTION.

6. "IT IS EXTREMELY DISTURBING THAT THE ABOVE-MENTIONED ARTICLE IS WRITTEN IN LANGUAGE WHICH CANNOT BE ASSESSED AS ANYTHING OTHER THAN INCITEMENT OF CRIMINAL ELEMENTS TO COMMIT CRIMES AGAINST EMPLOYEES OF THE EMBASSY AND OTHER SOVIET INSTITUTIONS IN THE UNITED STATES.

7. "THE EMBASSY LODGES A PROTEST WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE REGARDING THE IRRESPONSIBLE STATEMENTS OF OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES, WHICH OCCASIONED THE AFOREMENTIONED PROVOCATIVE ARTICLE, AND EXPECTS THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TO GIVE DUE CONSIDERATION TO THIS FACT. AUGUST 21, 1978."

8. WE TEND TO REGARD THIS NOTE AS FOR THE RECORD ONLY AND DO NOT INTEND TO RESPOND. CHRISTOPHER

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